

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. <sup>M:</sup> 11-15

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Kemp--Biggs Farm

other

### 2. Location

street and number 24621 Tandem Drive & 24625 Tandem Dr. \_\_ not for publication

city, town Damascus \_\_ vicinity

county

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Glenn J and P P Sengstack

street and number 24621 Tandem Drive telephone

city, town Damascus state zip code

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber folio

city, town tax map tax parcel tax ID number

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- ☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- ☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- ☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing <span style="float: right;">Noncontributing</span>
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This farm was subdivided in the 1970s. The historic dwelling house, 24621 Tandem Drive, is located on lot 12 (1.88 acres). The tenant house, at 24625 Tandem Drive, is on Lot 11 (1.49 acres).

The dwelling house (c1900) faces south and has a center cross gable roof and 2/2 sash windows. The front gable shelters a lancet window. The front door has applied leaf molding. The Colonial Revival style porch does not appear to be original to the house. The porch deck was replaced in 1970. By 1995, the house had been altered with vinyl siding and fixed shutters. Previously, the house had been covered with asphalt siding.<sup>1</sup>

A rear ell appears to have had a gallery porch on the east side that has been enclosed. A screen porch was built on its east side.

Behind the house is a hip roofed outbuilding of concrete block. Northeast of the house is a concrete block garage.

A bank barn with tile silo burned in 1979.<sup>2</sup>

The Colonial Revival tenant house (c1940) is on a separate lot. The structure may have designed by Archie A. Biggs, architect. Also on this lot are located loafing sheds that are near the bank barn site.

<sup>1</sup> Interview with Glenn Sengstack, 2-26-2002, by Clare Kelly Cavicchi.

<sup>2</sup> Newspaper clipping 12-14-1979, in possession of Glenn Sengstack 2-26-2002.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

The Kemp family is said to have built the dwelling house about 1900. Josiah and Florence Kemp were married 1871. His profession was described as a "house forest agent." In 1900, the couple was living in the vicinity and had two children.<sup>3</sup>

Archie Biggs (1904-1984) farmed this property from 1945 to 1975. In 1930, he was an architect for the Treasury Department. From 1953 to 1966, he was an architect for the United States Department of Agriculture. He may have designed tenant house built c1940.<sup>4</sup> Archie, and his wife Mildred L. (1911-1995) were buried at Neelsville Presbyterian Church.

The farmstead was subdivided in the late 1970s. The bank barn burned soon thereafter.<sup>5</sup> A related site is the Duvall-Kemp Farm, 11/26, Removed from the Locational Atlas.

<sup>3</sup> 1900 census, p151.

<sup>4</sup> "Mr. Archie A. Biggs," Obituary, Frederick Post, 2-6-1984.

<sup>5</sup> Interview with Mildred Biggs, 8-13-1990, by Clare Kelly Cavicchi.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Michael Dwyer, Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form, #11-15, 1974.  
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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1.88 acres  
Acreage of historical setting \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale: \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification

## 11. Form Prepared by

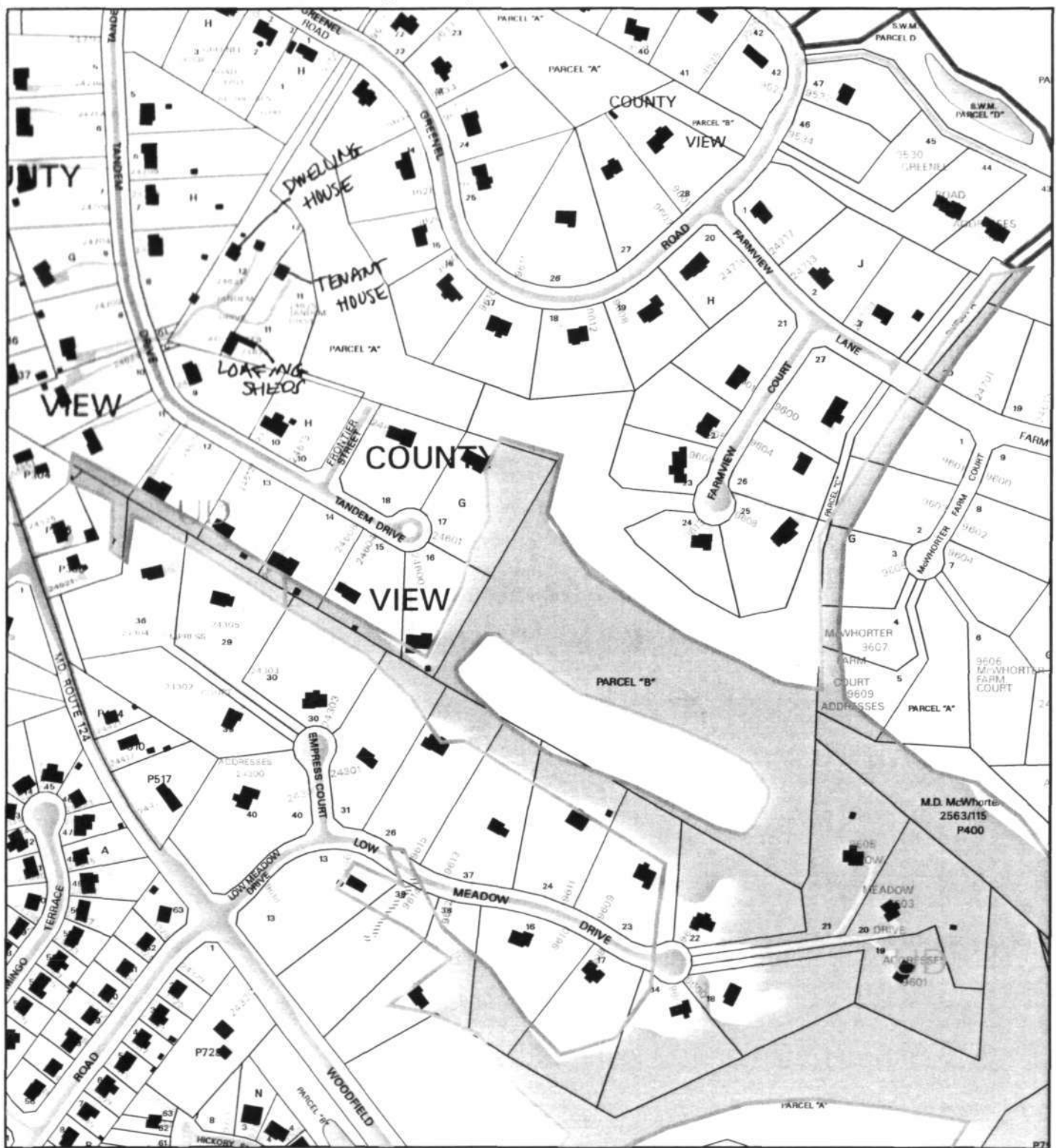
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organization	M-NCPPC	date	July 2004
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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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## KEMP-BIGGS HOUSE (11/15)



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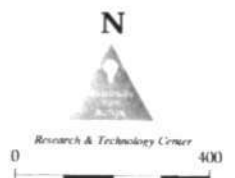
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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Biggs Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Rte. 124, opposite Sweepstakes Road (24701 Woodfield Road)

CITY, TOWN

Damascus

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Archie A. Biggs

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

24701 Woodfield Road

CITY, TOWN

Damascus

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Liber #:

Folio #:

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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## 7 DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is an L-shaped farmhouse of ca. 1900. There are three bays on the main (south) facade, and a central door and center gable. An open porch crosses the front here. There is a two-story ell that extends from the NW corner of the main block.

Nearby is a frame bank barn with a tile silo, and there are several other farm buildings.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to Mrs. Donald Warfield, this place belonged to the Kemp family around the turn-of-the-century.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION \_\_\_\_\_

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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DATE

1/22/74

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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NAME ARCHIE BIGGS FARM

M: #11-15

LOCATION Rt 124 OPP. SWEEPSTAKES Rd DAMASCUS, Md

FACADE LOOKING E

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